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To: Health Commissioners, Environmental Health Directors, Nursing Directors, ODA Food Safety Specialists, and Other Interested Parties

Subject: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2007-50

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Whole Foods Market Issues Allergy Alert on Undeclared Nuts in 365 Organic Everyday Value Swiss Dark Chocolate Bars

Austin, TX – Whole Foods Market® is recalling 365 Organic Everyday Value™ Swiss Dark Chocolate Bars because they may contain undeclared almonds. People who have an allergy or severe sensitivity to nuts run the risk of serious or life-threatening allergic reaction if they consume these products.

These products were distributed to and sold at Whole Foods Market stores in the following states: Alabama, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, Washington DC, and Wisconsin.

365 Organic Everyday Value Swiss Dark Chocolate Bars are sold in red and white wrappers with a picture of chocolate pieces and the Swiss countryside on the front. The recalled chocolate bars have a lot code that begins with the characters L71423 followed by a four digit time stamp between the times of 11:33 and 12:15, which is found on the back of the wrapper. If the coding on the package is illegible the product should also be returned. No illnesses have been reported to date.

The recall was initiated after it was discovered that the product containing almonds was distributed in packaging that did not reveal the presence of nuts. Subsequent investigation indicates the problem was caused by a temporary breakdown in the producer's packaging processes.

Consumers who have purchased 365 Organic Everyday Value Swiss Dark Chocolate Bars can return it to Whole Foods Market for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact the company at (512) 542-0656 or at PrivateLabel.CustomerService@WholeFoods.com.